

Let's protect our workers, our clients and the community from asbestos related diseases.



YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO RISK IT

**AN ONLINE PROGRAM FOR ELECTRICAL WORKERS
UNDERTAKING MINOR WORK ON ASBESTOS
CONTAINING MATERIALS**

**ASBESTOS SWITCHBOARDS
FIBRO WALL AND CEILING PANELS
BURIED ASBESTOS WASTE
AND MANY OTHER PRODUCTS
OVEN AND HOT WATER INSULATION
ROOFING
FLOOR TILES, ETC. ETC.....**

The Law

The new harmonised Work Health and Safety legislation that is currently being adopted around Australia imposes strict obligations on employers (now known as Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking or PCBUs) to ensure the health and safety of their workers.

The new **Work Health and Safety Regulations Chapter 8**, addresses the issue of asbestos and sets out requirements for anyone working with or removing asbestos products from the workplace. Anyone working on any asbestos containing materials (ACMs) **must** be trained in safe work procedures and must be competent. The WHS Regulations define a competent person to be someone who has "acquired knowledge and skills to carry out the task through **training**, a qualification or experience". This means that the competent person who can identify asbestos is:

- trained to handle and take asbestos samples, have the knowledge and experience to identify suspected asbestos and be able to determine risk and controls measures,
- familiar with building and construction practices to determine where asbestos is likely to be present,
- able to determine that material may be friable or non-friable asbestos and evaluate its condition, and
- aware of the appropriate risk control measures for undertaking the tasks involved.



Typical PPE for asbestos work

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Records of training **must** be retained by the electrician's employer for five years.

Online Training

Electrain has developed an online program to provide training and assessment for electricians and associated trades. The program covers:

- **The properties of asbestos** – different types of asbestos, why it is used in so many applications and its health impacts.
- **Asbestos and the law** – with reference sheets to the laws in each State and Territory
- **Asbestos in the workplace** – where you can expect to encounter asbestos in buildings and other work environments
- **Risk management** – addressing hazard identification (including reference to asbestos registers and asbestos plans), risk assessment and hierarchy of controls.
- **Equipment and PPE** – everything needed on site in order to work safely, with downloadable checklists and specifications
- **Work procedures** – sampling, fluffy asbestos, asbestos in the ground, setting up work areas with signage, etc., operations such as drilling, cutting, cleaning, etc.
- **Decontamination** of the site, equipment and PPE
- **Safe disposal** at authorised sites



Preparing to drill hole in ceiling.

The program includes a downloadable list of essential equipment that workers will need for working on ACMs. This can be printed and kept in the van. There are also printable summaries of legislation, reference material and an extensive glossary of technical terms.

Why Online Training?

We've adopted online training in order to make the programs available to all electrical contractors and their employees immediately. Key features of the online programs are:

- They are always available at anytime, anywhere. Trainees can work at their own pace, at home, or anywhere that they can make an internet connection
- They are developed for our industry; they are relevant, interactive and engaging
- The program is thorough and quality controlled and subject to continuous improvement; they are always up to date.
- Training courses are far less expensive than face-to-face sessions
- Less time is spent in training and travel time is eliminated which means less opportunity cost (non-productive hours) that eat into billable work.



After the job – discarding PPE

PCBU Benefits

- Training is easy to manage, schedule and control
- Just-in-time training is possible. No waiting for the next scheduled lesson. People can be trained and on the job in hours
- Online assessment ensures that trainees are across the issues
- Records of training results are automatically recorded to the server database. The results are accessible to members and trainees can print their own certificate of completion.

Price

\$50+GST per trainee.

Discounts can apply for groups of apprentices.

For more information, visit www.electrain.com.au.